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MEMORIAL DAY

Salute to sacrifice



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It is a common enough phenomenon in war.

"Sometimes, in the middle of a fight, I'd take time to pray," said Gary Janulewicz, a Vietnam veteran, speaking at Agawam's Memorial Day commemoration on Monday. He said he'd pray to God to let him be saved; he would promise to serve others when he returned home.

His prayer was answered, and he came home 50 years ago. Not every Marine of his generation — nor every member of the armed services from the World Wars, Korean War, Gulf War or War on Terror generations — was so lucky.

Agawam Veterans Agent Richard Girard had to choke back emotion while sharing the story of Marine sniper Rob Richards, who was severely injured by a roadside bomb in Af-

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Members of the flag detail give hand salutes — and the Veterans of Foreign Wars gives a gun salute — as retired service members place red, white and blue wreaths on the memorial plaques at Agawam's Veterans Green on Main Street during the town's Memorial Day commemoration. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

More money, mower problems

Links turning a profit, but now need \$71K from town budget for equipment

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The good news: With some favorable weather and diligent maintenance over the winter, the Agawam Municipal Golf Course appears profitable enough to pay back the \$22,245 the City Council gave it to bridge its fiscal 2014 deficit.

The bad news: For that maintenance to continue, the golf course now needs \$71,000 from the council to replace a lawnmower that broke this month.

Last Friday afternoon, the council's Ad Hoc Golf Committee

met at the golf course to get an update on the current conditions of the course, get updated sales numbers, and go over the state of the golf course's maintenance equipment.

Council Vice President Dennis Perry, who chairs the golf committee, said much of the information gathering is to help the city council as a whole understand the current business operations of the golf course so it can make informed decisions about re-

"If we are going to fix the problems on the golf course, we need to make an investment in the course."

City Councilor Dennis Perry

quests.

Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto reported sales of \$73,578.91 up to that point in

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'COMPLETE ROADS'

Cyclists come costly and cheap

Suffield, School streets' new bike lanes a contrast in cost

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Recent road construction on School Street is part of a town-wide effort to make getting around easier for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Town Engineer Michelle Chase said the \$3.19 million

project between River Road and Main Street, which includes both roadwork and the installation of a retaining wall, is adding bike lanes to extend the bike path that started several years ago with the River Walk.

Not too far away, the recently completed bike lanes on Suffield Street cost less than one-one

hundredth as much. The "buffered" bike lane — on the street, but separated from car traffic by an empty buffer zone — was installed on Suffield Street recently between the Shoemaker Lane and Silver Street intersections, for relatively short money.

Chase said the completed 1.3 BIKE | page 8

EDUCATION

Foes unite to fight Common Core

By Mike Lydick
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The director for school reform at a conservative Boston-based think tank and the head of the teachers union in Springfield rarely agree on education reform issues, but they've found common ground in opposing Common Core.

Jamie Gass, director of the Center for School Reform at the

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Tim Collins, president of the Springfield Education Association, speaks at an informational forum on Common Core in Agawam. Listening to Collins is Jamie Gass, director of the Center for School Reform at the Pioneer Institute, a Boston-based conservative think tank. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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Ziti dinner at St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a ziti dinner Monday, June 1, at 6 p.m. The menu will also include meatballs and sausage, bread and butter, dessert and beverage.

Cost for adults is \$10, \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. The night's events will also include door prizes.

Correction

The date of the upcoming "War and Peace" historical hike, "Redcoats, Hessians and Artillery on the Great Road," was incorrect on page 3 of last week's Agawam Advertiser News. The correct date is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Otis State Forest, on Webb Road in Otis. For more information call 413-269-6002.

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Would you like to send a special message to your high school graduate? The Agawam Advertiser News' 2015 graduation issue will hit newsstands June 11. For details contact Advertising Representative John Baskin at 413-786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com. The advertising deadline is June 5.

Raises, additional police will cost \$304K

Chief requests 8% increase from last year's budget

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The five new patrolmen being requested by Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis and Mayor Richard Cohen are part of a nearly 8 percent hike — a little over \$400,000 — proposed in the police budget next year.

Gillis made his pitch for adding to the force at a budget workshop attended by all City Council members last week. Townspeople will have a chance to comment on the fiscal 2016 budget before the council's June 15 vote.

For the town of Agawam, there are currently 51 sworn police officers, which includes the command staff. There are 40 patrolmen, and Gillis is looking to increase his force to 45 patrolmen, citing a growing need to fill shifts and the impending casinos as the major catalysts.

Gillis says between vacations and injuries and other issues, it is sometimes difficult to fill shifts. Four officers per shift is a minimum.

"Now, if we arrest someone and we need to have them in our holding cell, we need to call an officer in to guard them," said Gillis. "If we are staffed at minimum, we cannot pull someone off the street."

Council President Christopher Johnson asked why, if the police plan to hire five new officers, they are still asking for a 7.5 percent increase in police overtime.

Gillis said it will take time to hire police officers and send them to the police academy, then give them in-house training. He hopes hiring the new police officers will reduce overtime in the future, but says he needs the overtime right now.

In addition to anticipating the MGM Springfield casino, which is scheduled to open sometime in 2017, Gillis said there is an 80 percent increase in reports being filed by the public.

"There are more reports being filed and the casino will be opening soon," said Gillis. "Hiring these officers will get us ready for that."

Councilor George Bitzas said he supported the hiring of additional police officers.

"I think it is a good idea," said Bitzas. "We have the casinos coming and [Gillis] is being proactive. I hope we can support him."

Johnson also queried Gillis about the 5 percent increase in court time for officers. Gillis said although he did not spend all of his funded court time last year, he is expecting several pending cases to go to court during the next fiscal year, and will need the additional funding.

Overall, in the mayor's proposed budget, the Police Department's spending will rise \$400,691, a 7.96 percent increase from last year. The biggest increase is in the police officer salary line item, a hike of about \$304,000. Part is for the new officers, while the rest accounts for the 1.5 percent contractual salary increases.

There is also about \$50,000 additional for training and education for officers. Capital spending is down, though, with a decrease of about \$60,000.

While it is not earmarked for a specific purpose, the town of Agawam will receive \$125,000 per year for the next 10 years from MGM Springfield as part of a neighboring town mitigation agreement.

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Correction



Because of an editing error, a photo caption was incorrect on page 6 of last week's Agawam Advertiser News. The correct caption for the above photo is: Feeding Hills resident Lee Smith was unable to ride his 2012 Victory Cross Country in the Granger PTO's motorcycle ride fundraiser this year, but came to participate in some of the fundraiser's other activities. His daughter is a student at Granger and his wife Tiffany is a PTO officer. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Nominations open for town election

Most incumbents take out papers; challengers also emerge for City Council, School Committee seats

By Michael J. Ballway
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Several challengers have already tossed their hats in the ring for the November town election, according to the town clerk's office.

Former Councilor Robert Magovern, former state representative candidate Samuel DiSanti Jr. and newcomer Robert Alves have joined several incumbent councilors in taking out nomination papers for City Council already this month. Brian Burbank and several current members have taken out papers for the School Committee. Mayor Richard Cohen has taken out papers for re-election, but as of Tuesday, no challenger had yet declared for the town's top executive office.

Nomination papers may be obtained at the town clerk's office in Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam.

No papers have been returned yet. The deadline to return papers, signed by at least 100 registered Agawam voters, is Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. The preliminary election, if necessary, is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6. The general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Councilors who had taken out papers for re-election as of Tuesday were George Bitzas, Cecilia Calabrese, Paul Cavallo, Joseph Mineo, Donald Rheault, Robert Rossi and Anthony Suffriti. Last week, councilors

James Cichetti, Gina Letellier and Dennis Perry said they, too, plan to run for re-election; Council President Christopher Johnson said he was undecided.

School Committee members taking out papers for re-election included Anthony Bonavita, Diane Juzba, Carmine Mineo, Shelley Borgatti Reed and Wendy Rua.

According to Town Clerk Richard Theroux, the preliminary election will be held only if there are more than two nominations for mayor, more than 22 nominations for the 11 seats on the council, or more than 12 nominations for the six School Committee seats. The preliminary election's top two, 22 and 12 vote-getters, respectively, will appear on the general election ballot in November.

The mayor, all council seats and all School Committee seats are elected in November of odd-numbered years, to serve two-year terms. All are elected on a town-wide basis.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, will be the last day for Agawam residents who are not yet registered to register to vote in time for the preliminary election; Wednesday, Oct. 14, will be the last day to register for the general election. On both days, the town clerk's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Gregory A. Scibelli contributed to this report.

CEO to leave Springfield YMCA

Board to form search panel; Smith led local Y effort

By Michael J. Ballway
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SPRINGFIELD — Kirk Smith, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Springfield, will leave the local Y this summer to take an executive position with the YMCA in Florida.

Jeffrey Poindexter, the recently appointed chair of the board of the Springfield Y, announced the move this week.

According to Poindexter, "Kirk Smith brought unique talents in his leadership of the Y and under his direction the YMCA launched or expanded programming including the building of the new Agawam YMCA Wellness and Family Program Center on Springfield Street. He also was instrumental in maintaining the services of Dunbar Community Center, a vital asset to the Mason Square community. He expanded programming at the Scantic Valley YMCA in Wilbraham and represented the YMCA in a number of community organizations and causes."

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, worked closely with Smith on establishing the town's "express YMCA," believed to be the first of its kind in the Northeast. With a fitness room and community center but without the traditional swimming pool and basketball court, the "express" model was touted as a way to start a YMCA branch in Agawam without massive construction and operational costs. It was based on similar YMCA branches that Smith had worked with in Florida.

"This was Kirk's concept," Cohen said of the Agawam YMCA. "He's been here five

years and our Y is up and running. I'd say that's pretty good. I'd say that's excellent."

In a press statement, Poindexter also lauded Smith's establishment of a diversity and inclusion committee at the YMCA, \$4 million expansion of preschool programs and addition of educational program sites.

"These initiatives, and Kirk's leadership, were vital to the YMCA and the varied constituencies we serve," said Poindexter. "I know I speak for the entire YMCA board in expressing my appreciation for Kirk Smith's stewardship of the Springfield YMCA, one of the oldest in the United States, and wish Kirk and his family great future success."

Cohen said Smith's departure came as a "big surprise" to him, but he congratulated Smith on the promotion and wished him well in Florida.

Smith's 17-year career with the YMCA began in Cincinnati, his hometown, and included previous leadership experience in Florida. He relocated to Western Massachusetts more than four years ago.

Poindexter said his board will establish a search committee to find a replacement, likely consulting with YMCA of the USA, the national parent organization, to provide any necessary executive resources in the short term. Poindexter said Smith would continue to be available to the board to assist with the transition through July 3.

The YMCA of Greater Springfield is the nation's second-oldest YMCA, founded in 1852, with branches and outreach centers in Agawam, Springfield, West Springfield and Wilbraham.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW



Agawam High School senior Luke Rheault discusses his drawing of the famous flag-raising photo taken at the battle of Iwo Jima during World War II with Brian Willette, the commander of the Western Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart, during the school's Spring Arts Festival last month. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Art puts a face on military service

Look at a portrait and you may only see the obvious: two eyes, two lips, a nose and a chin, and so on.

Paint a portrait and you can't help but look deeper.

Behind that uniform, under that hat, in those boots, is a man or a woman. Someone who was once (or still is) a teenager. Someone who made a decision to serve, or was called upon to serve. Someone whose military service shaped his future — or ended it.

That's what's phenomenal about the veterans portrait project at Agawam High School. Students in honors art classes drew or painted portraits of veterans earlier this year, basing their works on photographs of family members who served in the military or local veterans' photographs supplied by the Agawam Veterans Council. Their works were displayed at the school's Spring Arts Festival last month, and several of the veterans attended to meet the artists who depicted them.

One of the artists, Alexis Price, even won a statewide contest organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, and is being judged in the national Ladies Auxiliary patriotic art contest.

Not only are the Agawam portraits honoring local veterans, but they're acquainting youngsters — the vast majority of whom, hopefully, will never have to pick up a weapon to defend America — with the service and sacrifice of previous generations.

Of course, they already know the facts; the schools still teach about Lexington and Concord, Gettysburg and Appomattox Court House, Normandy and the Bulge. You can't consume any sort of media — particularly television, movies, newspapers, social media and video games — without coming across some news or dramatization of the military. And every 18-year-old boy knows what the letters "SSS" mean. But there's a difference between knowing something and truly getting to know it.

To the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, gathered at the VFW or at ceremonies like Agawam's Memorial Day commemoration on Monday, the uniform, the respect, the quiet dignity of service are a shared experience.

But to the millions of Americans without a military background — that's 86.6 percent of men, and 98.6 percent of women — it's harder to grasp a true understanding of what it means to be a soldier, an airman, a sailor, a Marine or a Coast Guardsman. It's easy for an outsider — the majority of us — to see only the uniform, the hat, the boots.

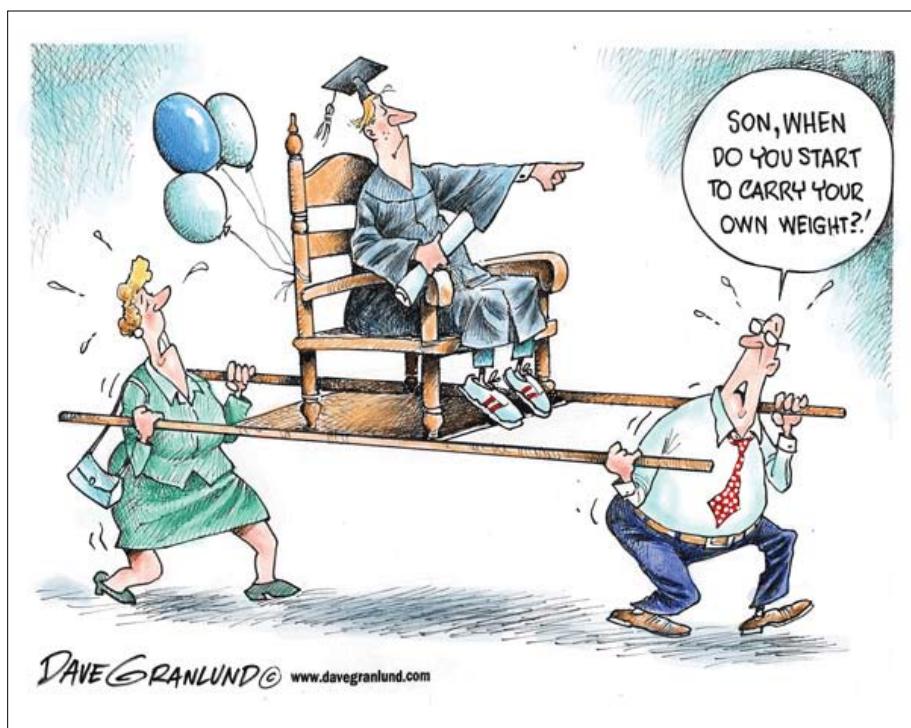
Sometimes it takes an artist to see the eyes, the lips, the face. The soul. The person.

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Remembering the '66s

Valerie Marieb '66 was at the library the other day to look at Manning's Agawam Directory only to find out that it is being sent out for re-binding. We talked for a few minutes in front of the display cases and I pointed out to her the college textbook authored by Elaine Marieb. Val expressed her wish to read more about her class of '66, so here it is.

The '66s never varied in their choice for class president, selecting Gerald Cleary for four straight years. Gerry was a member of the National Honor Society, won the Dartmouth Club Award and was elected president of the Western Massachusetts Association of Student Councils.

Bob Leger, the class V.P., was a co-captain of the basketball team, president of the student council and the Boys State representative.

Class treasurer Ken Affleck was a talented musician and co-captain of the track team. Who in Boy Scout Troop 89 could forget his dad's voice in the Phelps auditorium? Ken's older brother Ted was in town last year for the '64s' 50th.

Class secretary Donna Judd must have been a busy girl in her senior year when she was co-editor in chief of the Sachem with Marilyn DeMont. Donna won the DAR award and was on the National Honor Society.

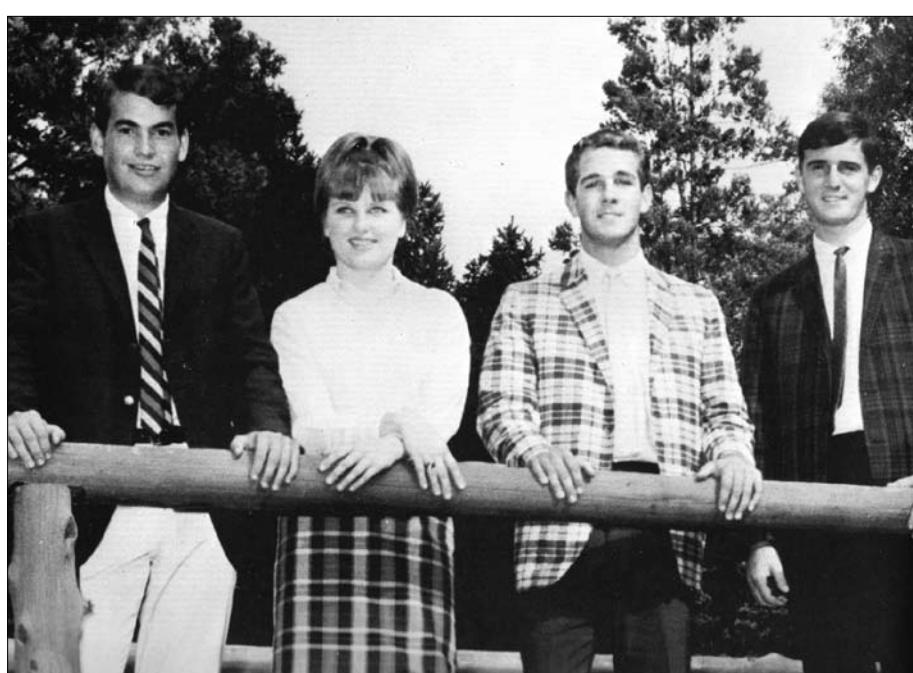
The '66s' ballot box in their Sachem had Julie Haidemenos and Bob Osolinski as Most Talented; Janice Christopher and Rickie Eagan as Class Chatterbox; Susan Hamer and Steve Catelotti as Most Energetic and Roseanne Falbo and Ray Camissa as the Class Wits. In their junior year, the '66s hosted the cabaret, "Silver Bells,"

led by co-chairmen Jane Stowell and Dave Giguere. They performed their class play, "The Storm," with Jack Quinn, Julie Haidemenos, Bob Osolinski, Jackie Bouley, Judy Leno and Moonstein Field.

Some of the '66s bring back some memories for me: Fran Arnold, a Chriscola Bears teammate; Cindy Bouley helping me get an apartment in 1970; Jackie Bouley making boring scripture sound interesting in church; Sheryl Blackak's son Tom Cascio teaching my son how to wrestle; Alan Crosby collecting our bowling fees at Vic Moreno's candlepin lanes; Bob Gingras learning how to placekick like Roger Leclerc and kicking for his college team; seeing Phil Kimball working hard at the Captain Leonard House; seeing Sandy Losito's son play goalkeeper for the New Hampshire soccer team against the Pioneers in Ludlow; seeing Linda Macey marry my best friend Paul Halbach; seeing Billy Polopek last summer with his brother at the '64s' 50th; trying to catch Rick Progulske's booming softball shots in left field at Shea's; watching Kathy Yelinek's son play soccer — what a talented, tall player; having my son Kevin have a wonderful year at Phelps with his favorite teacher Terry Valenti.

The '66s' class history is a great read, reminding us of James Bond, Batman, the Turtles, the Byrds and Sonny and Cher. "The memories are great, but they are only memories."

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Class officers of the '66s, from left, Gerald Cleary, president; Donna Judd, secretary; Ken Affleck, treasurer; and Bob Leger, vice-president.



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Pioneer Institute, and Tim Collins, president of the Springfield Education Association, spoke out against Common Core State Standards at an informational forum on May 18. Organized by Agawam Parents for Children First, the forum at the Agawam Senior Center drew an audience of about 20 people.

While officials from the state departments of Assessment and Learning and Elementary and Secondary Education declined to attend, Agawam Superintendent William Sapelli and Assistant Superintendent Allison LeClair did attend, though they were not part of the presentation.

Common Core, which sets national standards for states for students in math and English, was launched in 2009 by state leaders from 48 states. In 2010, Common Core was adopted by 44 states, including Massachusetts.

Gass said the state's Education Reform legislation in 1993, with statewide student standards and the MCAS exam, resulted in Massachusetts students scoring among the best in the nation for several consecutive years on a number of national assessments. He said Massachusetts' educational success is in jeopardy because the state has dropped its high standards for the national Common Core State Standards.

"The quality of the CCSS is low and people driving the Common Core conversation are dumbing down the standards," said Gass.

He said the national standards have led to the elimination of courses such as English literature and history. Unless Massachusetts puts back the tests and standards it had for history and English literature, "the default will be Common Core and those subjects will get even more short-shrifted."

He said Common Core ignores many courses that were the reason for the state's academic success. For example, many classic novels by Charles Dickens, Edith Wharton and Mark Twain are disregarded, and the point at which students reach algebra I — the gateway to higher math study — is delayed from eighth to ninth grade or later.

Compared with the state's previous standards, Gass said the Common Core English standards have reduced by 60 percent the amount of classic literature, poetry, and drama that students will read. He added that under Common Core, Massachusetts students in seventh and eighth grade will be two years behind other countries.

Gass said one of the biggest complaints about Common Core is that parents and grandparents are no longer able to help students with math.

"All of a sudden, everyday folks are unable to do basic arithmetic with their children," Gass said. "It's really kind of crazy."

According to Gass, objections to the national standards are causing more states to opt out of the Common Core. He said Massachusetts should reject the Common Core as well as the new PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) exam, aligned with the Common Core, that will likely replace MCAS.

'Crummy tests'

Collins — a teacher for more than 40 years and president of Springfield teachers union since 1997 — agreed with Gass about rejecting the Common Core and abandoning PARCC. But he disagreed about keeping MCAS. He said MCAS and PARCC are both "crummy tests" that are a "crooked yardstick" because they don't measure actual student growth or effort.

The union president said the real issue for him is the state and federal governments' "testing mania" that "cripples" what teachers do. "If it's not tested, it's not valid," he added.



Michele LaBonte-Veras, right, who formed Agawam Parents for Children First last year, talks with parents Mildred Guzman-Young of Suffield, left, and Agawam resident Kathy Czerwiec. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Collins said courses such as art, music, shop, home and career, and hands-on technical courses, have virtually disappeared from schools during the past 20 years.

"As teachers who teach these courses retire, they're replaced with English and math teachers because that's what's being tested," Collins said. "We're no longer educating the whole child."

There's a curriculum for every single subject — except for the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of children, which is as important as academic growth, he said.

"It's shameful that kindergarten students are being tested," Collins said. "Students benefit from learning social skills. Play is learning."

Michelle Connery, the outreach coordinator for Agawam's Early Childhood Center but attending the forum as a parent of school-age children, asked why so much time is dedicated to test prep, especially in the lower grades.

"I'd rather see more pop quizzes than months and months and weeks and weeks of test prep," she said. "It seems like we're teaching to the test."

Gass said what is more important than test prep is standards and curriculum. He said the "hard reality" is that if teachers are cramming for the test — focusing on test prep without creativity — it's because many districts don't have a locally generated curriculum.

Collins said there is so much test prepping because Massachusetts has an accountability system that's all about "shame, blame and punish" instead of about "study, learn and support." He said teachers aren't against testing. "We do it all the time. It's how testing is used that can be damaging."

Agawam still local

Speaking from the audience, Sapelli said Agawam is fortunate because it has a locally developed curriculum that includes many of the programs that Collins said are being eliminated in other districts.

"We have great art programs throughout the district that are second to none," Sapelli said. "We have band programs at the fifth- and sixth-grade levels, in seventh and eighth grade and at the high school."

Acknowledging that students are "over-tested," Sapelli said the School Committee and City Council have been working to change legislation that has forced new tests and other unfunded mandates on school districts.

"We're doing what we can, but unless the legislation changes, as superintendent and CEO of the district, I've got to walk a fine line between doing what's mandated and doing what's right," Sapelli said.

Sandra Stosky, professor emerita of education reform at the University of Arkansas and a former member of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, was scheduled to speak, but was unable to attend.

Are You Old News?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Dorothea Nardi were Roger and Fran Leclerc and Geraldine and Reidar Nordal.

City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Monday, June 1
7 p.m.

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting – May 18, 2015
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- 1. TR-2015-27- A resolution authorizing the reservation and appropriation of funds from the Community Preservation Fund (CPA)
- 2. TR-2015-28- A resolution confirming the reappointment of Doreen A. Prouty, 891 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA to the Community Preservation Act Committee to a term expiring April 30, 2018 (City Council)
- 3. TR-2015-29- A resolution confirming the reappointment of Corinne M. Wingard, 194 Elam St., Agawam, MA to the Community Preservation Act Committee to a term expiring April 30, 2018 (City Council)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings
- 1. TR-2015-21 (PH-2015-2)- A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program. (Mayor) (Tabled 5/18/15) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 2. TR-2015-26 (PH-2015) A resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Budget for the town of Agawam (Mayor) – Public hearing date set for June 15, 2015
- J. Old business
- 1. TO-2015-6- A ordinance to manage and control blighted properties facing foreclosure or otherwise (Legislative Committee) (1 of 2 readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the city council.
- Adjournment

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MEMORIAL ■ from page 1

ghanistan but chose to re-enlist and return to the battlefield to finish the work he had started. He died after his body broke down from the drugs he was using as painkillers, and his wife Raechel has dedicated herself to helping other veterans, Gerard said.

Yet Memorial Day is "not a day of sorrow, but rather a time for solemn reflection," said Mayor Richard Cohen.

"Memorial Day is a celebration of hope," he added, a time to embrace the ideals of peace and prosperity that American soldiers fought for: "Our departed men and women would want us to focus on the promise of tomorrow."

Veterans Council Chairman Aldo Mancini served as master of ceremonies for the town's Memorial Day program on the Veterans Green, at Main and School streets. Agawam soldiers who died in war were honored with a wreath-laying and gun salute, reading of names and tolling of the bell, and the playing of taps, with echo, by members of the Agawam High School marching band.

Mancini introduced Janulewicz as one of the town's two parade marshals honored by the Agawam Veterans Council this year. Janulewicz enlisted in the Marines in 1962. He was one of the first Marine advisors to the government of South Vietnam, and was on the beach when the first combat troops — the 9th Marines — landed in Vietnam in 1965.

During his time as an advisor, Janulewicz was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for providing first aid to a fellow Marine advisor while South Vietnamese forces were retaking Hill 159 in a December 1964 battle.

Anthony Smigelski, also honored as a parade marshal, was drafted into the Army



Gary Janulewicz and Anthony Smigelski were honored as marshals of the Agawam Memorial Day parade. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Veterans Council Chairman Aldo Mancini, left, reads from a certificate of appreciation honoring Larry Landry for his leadership of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars rifle detail. The two are sitting in a Willys Jeep.

in 1943, training with a Signal Air Warning company. His unit was deployed to New Guinea, then the Philippines, as an advance group to detect Japanese aircraft and protect the larger U.S. invasion force. While on their way to one of the Philippine islands, Smigelski's convoy of PT boats and Liberty ships was attacked; those who survived escaped on LSTs, landing ships, which were all that was left afloat.

After the ceremony, Smigelski reflected on another close call: When the United States dropped the atomic bombs, his unit was preparing for the invasion of Japan, which was expected to be a high-casualty operation.

Smigelski, too, came home. On Monday he commemorated, and thanked, those who did not.



Attendance at this year's Memorial Day ceremony was higher than last year's, Veterans Council Chairman Aldo Mancini said.



At the start of the ceremony, the United States flag was raised and then lowered to half-staff.



Frank Mazzei, an Air Force veteran, tolled the bell on the Veterans Green after the name of each Agawam casualty of war was read.



Wreaths were placed in front of the plaques on the Veterans Green honoring Agawam residents who died in war.

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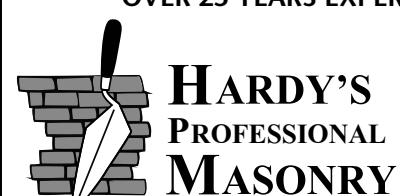


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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 331 calls for service from May 19 to May 25. The department made 16 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, May 19

Mark T. Degray, 31, of 130 Adams St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as HTO.

Aric Matthew Myers, 20, of 64 Elm St., East Windsor, Conn., was arrested on a warrant.

Frances Timberlake, 53, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 3, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of assault and/or assault and battery on a pregnant person.

Wednesday, May 20

Donald E. Vogel, 51, of 86 Fieldston St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of violation of an abuse prevention order and domestic assault and battery.

Lawrence Thomas, 46, of 65 Braddock St., Springfield, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting by asportation, third offense.

Thursday, May 21

Nicholas Preston, 26, of 18 Summer St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of malicious damage to motor vehicle.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 70 EMS calls for May 19 to May 25, and the following emergency response calls.

On May 19 at 9:52 a.m., the department responded to Main Street to assist invalid.

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On May 19 at 10:08 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for a building fire.

On May 20 at 4:15 p.m., the department responded to Northwood Street for public service assistance, other.

On May 20 at 7:19 p.m., the department responded to Cosgrove Avenue for lockout.

On May 23 at 11:53 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On May 23 at 4:58 p.m., the department responded to Leeland Avenue for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On May 24 at 8:59 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street for gas leak (natural gas or LPG).

On May 24 at 11:53 a.m., the department responded to Plantation Drive for lockout.

On May 24 at 2:24 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for fire, other.

On May 24 at 3:40 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive for person in distress, other.

On May 24 at 9:42 p.m., the department responded to Horsham Place for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On May 25 at 5:02 p.m., the department responded to Perry Lane for citizen complaint.

Smoke alarm program seeks participants

The American Red Cross announced that their national Home Fire Preparedness Campaign is partnering with the Agawam Fire Department and Insurance Center of New England to install smoke alarms in area residences on June 15, 16 and 17. Teams consisting of a Red Cross volunteer, Agawam firefighter and Insurance Center of New England staff member will visit pre-registered Agawam homes to install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as well as educate the homeowners on fire safety and personal preparedness. The campaign will kick off at the Agawam Fire Department headquarters at 9 a.m. on June 15.

Agawam residents wishing to participate should meet three criteria — own

their home; the home was built prior to 1975; current alarms are at least 10 years old or non-existent.

To register, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 413-786-0400, ext. 3501, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., by June 12.

The goal of this campaign in Agawam and across the country is to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires by as much as 25 percent over the next five years.

"Seven times a day someone in this country dies in a home fire and we have witnessed that tragedy right here in our community," said Mary Nathan, Disaster Program manager for Western Mass. "Smoke alarms save lives."

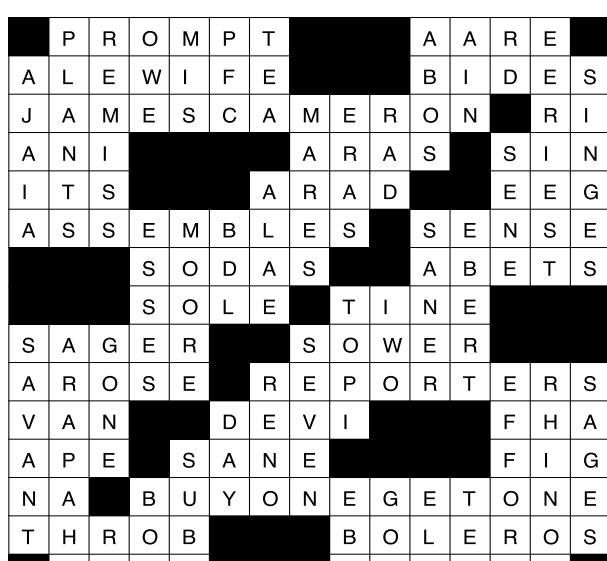
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Having a ball



Agawam resident Jordan Nuzzolilli won a halftime contest May 22 at the Western Mass. Pioneers soccer game at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow. The contest involved throwing a mini-soccer ball onto the field as close as possible to a flag. Jordan won a Big Y gift card. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY / SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, June 1: Roast chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, watermelon.

Tuesday, June 2: Shepherds pie, spring salad, birthday cake.

Wednesday, June 3: Roast pork chow mein, brown rice, crunchy noodles, mixed fruit.

Thursday, June 4: Pepper steak, baby potatoes, broccoli, apricots.

Friday, June 5: Cream of broccoli soup, Caesar salad topped with shrimp, ice cream.

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 1: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 3 p.m., Golf Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, June 2: 9 a.m., Shuffleboard at St. John's (Leonard Street), Knitting Class, Sewing Class;

10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Hair Spray"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, June 3: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:30 a.m., Outreach Group at Bernie's in Chicopee; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; Free Blood Pressure Check; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, June 4: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

Friday, June 5: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Sing-along music program June 2 at library

The Agawam Public Library will present "Music from Marengo" with Joel Meginsky Monday, June 1, at 7 p.m. Meginsky will present instrumental improvisation based on familiar melodies from jazz, blues, country, Gospel, ethnic and classical repertoires. Songs are performed on a Hawaiian steel guitar, clarinet, mandolin, ukulele and fiddle.

This concert is family and sing-along friendly. Meginsky is a professional music educator who has played with the Springfield Symphony for the past 35 years.

The event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. All ages are welcome.

Classmates sought for '60 reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1960 will hold its 55-year reunion on Friday evening, Sept. 18, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. More information will be made available as plans progress.

The reunion committee has been unable to locate classmates Suzanne Marshall, Marie Mercadante Jordan and Richard W. Taylor. Anyone with information on how to contact them is asked to call either Dan Tomassetti at 413-567-0085 or Charlie Gibson at 413-567-6073.

Class of '64 reunion June 7

The Agawam High School Class of 1964 will hold its 51st class reunion and barbecue on Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Classmates who plan to play golf will meet at 10 a.m. For more information and reservations, email agawam64@aol.com, visit www.agawam64.com, or call Rosemary Alajanian Sandlin at 413-530-0269.

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Senate votes for utility overcharge refunds

BOSTON — The Senate voted unanimously earlier this month to require electric companies to refund retroactive charges stemming from a regulation in effect from 2000 to April of this year.

The budget amendment, sponsored by state Sen. Donald Humason Jr., R-Westfield, was adopted May 19 as part of the Senate's final budget proposal, which was completed May 22. The full budget now heads to a conference committee with the state House. The compromise budget will then be sent to Gov. Charlie Baker.

Humason's proposal affects homeowners who switched energy providers between Nov. 1, 2014, and April 13, 2015. Under the former Department of Public Utilities regulation, electric companies were allowed to retroactively charge higher rates for customers who switched providers. Pressure from Humason and other Western Massachusetts legislators succeeded in prompting the DPU to rescind the regulation in April.

"From the beginning, when angry constituents first began contacting my office,

I knew this was going to be a difficult fight, but one well-worth fighting," Humason said. "[This] Senate vote in support of my amendment to reimburse effected ratepayers is exceptionally gratifying. I thank my colleagues, my constituents, the DPU, and the Baker Administration."

The budget amendment received bipartisan support, with Sen. Benjamin Downing, D-Pittsfield, chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, also speaking in support of the measure.

In March, after being contacted by constituents, Humason led a bipartisan effort by Western Massachusetts senators and representatives to repeal the DPU order, which dated from the year 2000. Though the DPU order was repealed, the new regulation only affected those who changed electric suppliers after April 13.

Humason's supporters included state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick. Humason and Boldyga represent Agawam on Beacon Hill.



A new dedicated bike path is being installed along School Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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mile stretch of bike lanes on Suffield Street cost just \$3,000 for road painting and "Share the Road" signage.

"The road on Suffield Street is already wide enough, with the breakdown lanes, so we did not have to do any reconstruction," said Chase.

On the radar for the town is extending that dedicated lane from the Silver Street intersection north on Suffield Street to the entrance of Route 57. Chase said that work will require coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

"They control the road, especially where Route 57 is," said Chase.

However, the state supports installing bicycle lanes wherever it can as part of its "complete roads" program.

Mayor Richard Cohen says while there has not been an outpouring of citizens requesting bike lanes throughout town, the bike lanes have been a welcome addition and he hopes to see more installed throughout town.

Suffield and School streets are now "the only bike lanes we currently have," said Chase. "But we are looking to add more

wherever we can and wherever it can be done."

Because of the time it takes to get some roads resurfaced, Chase warns it will be a slow process. Expansion of the bike network may have to wait until roads are due for repaving and construction. Main roads and state roads could receive bike lanes through the state program. Side streets, more rural roads, may simply be widened.

"Ideally, it would be great to have bike lanes everywhere," said Chase. "But it is not feasible in some places. Rural roads with little traffic like Barry Street may simply have the road widened to accommodate bike traffic."

Bigger state projects, like the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge and the Feeding Hills intersection, have bike accommodations that will be a part of the project.

"The Feeding Hills project will have bike lanes for all four sides of the intersection," Chase said. "Those bike lanes will have detection triggers for the traffic lights."

Chase said the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge plans are considered a "25 percent" design and still very conceptual, however, she does say some type of accommodation for bikes is being considered.

Senior Center Friends dinner set for June 9

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a barbecue chicken dinner Tuesday, June 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The menu will include potato salad, macaroni salad, corn on the cob and strawberry shortcake.

Tickets for adults are \$10 when purchased in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children under 10 are \$5.

Church strawberry supper June 20

Agawam Congregational Church will host its annual Strawberry Supper Saturday, June 20, with seatings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The menu will include ham, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, fresh rolls, coffee and tea with homemade strawberry shortcake.

Tickets for adults purchased in advance are \$15 per person and are \$18 at the door. Tickets for children under 12 are \$6. They are available in the church office at 745 Main St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, or at coffee hour.

Meet 'Tornado Kitten' on Saturday

Toto the Tornado Kitten will be visiting Heritage Woods Senior Living on Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at 462 Main St., Agawam. Toto was a tiny survivor found in a tree in the aftermath of the devastating tornado that swept through Brimfield in June 2011.

The children's book "Toto the Tornado Kitten" was written by Toto's rescuer, Jona-

than Hall. He will be reading the story and introducing attendees to Toto himself.

Books will also be for sale and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Animal Rescue League. For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wal-lace@geneshcc.com.

Library food drive to benefit Feline Friends

Feline Friends Inc., a Feeding Hills-based organization that cares for abandoned, special needs and unwanted cats, is currently holding a food drive now through the summer at the Agawam Public Library. All types of dry and canned cat food are accepted. Friskies canned pate and shredded food, and Purina Indoor dry food, are the

most critical needs.

A donation box is located in the foyer of the library at 750 Cooper St. for item drop-off. More information about Feline Friends is available at www.felinefriendsinc.org, including pictures of the adoptable cats and how to sponsor the care of one of the special needs cats.

Member critique at artists' meeting June 9

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans meeting on Tuesday, June 9, at will feature Liz Popolo, who will do a critique of paintings brought in by all attending members. This is in place

of a demonstrator. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Guests are always welcome.

Residents gain end-of-year honors at Career Tec

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center held an awards assembly May 15 to recognize students for performance during the school year.

Among those to be named outstanding vocational student were Agawam residents Liya Dzyubenko, design and visual arts, and Marc Botnaru, fashion technology.

Students receiving this award have demonstrated exemplary competency attainment in their career-vocational technical field of training. In addition, the student would be pursuing post-secondary training, have secured a job, other otherwise be actively seeking employment in their career pathway.

Among those to be named most im-

proved vocational student were Agawam residents Kayla Shean, cosmetology II; Tyler Dionne, culinary arts I; Angelina DeRose, fashion technology; Samantha Gregory, fashion technology; Julian Colon, health assisting I; Alex Lajoie, health assisting II; Alexandra Beavis, health assisting II; Steven Stagnaro, landscaping / horticulture II; Nicholas Black, technical career exploratory; Kyle Lamountain, integrated occupational preparation; and Kyle Kopyscinski, Brush Hills Academy 21st Century.

This award is given to students from each shop that have progressed significantly during the school year and have maintained competence in their career-vocational technical training area.

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 Tuesday, June 2: Chef salad with chicken, cheese, egg and bacon, whole-wheat breadstick, yogurt, orange juice.
 Wednesday, June 3: Chicken fajitas, salsa and cheese, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit.
 Thursday, June 4: All beef tacos with cheese, lettuce and tomato, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.
 Friday, June 5: Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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Monday, June 1: Chicken tenders, oven baked fries, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
 Tuesday, June 2: Chef salad with chicken, cheese, egg and bacon, whole-wheat breadstick, yogurt, orange juice.
 Wednesday, June 3: Chicken fajitas, salsa and cheese, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit.
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AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, June 1: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
 Tuesday, June 2: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
 Wednesday, June 3: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
 Thursday, June 4: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
 Friday, June 5: Pillsbury mini chocolate-chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

CAMPUS NOTES

Becker College: Brandon Michael Casey, of Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of arts degree in interactive media design at ceremonies held May 9.



Lasell College: Kelsey Williams, Darren Myuya of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Springfield College: Darren Myuya, of Feeding Hills, graduated with a bachelor's degree in the emergency medical services field at ceremonies held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

Suffield Academy: Marysa Massoia, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held May 22.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute: Zachary Goggin, of Feeding Hills, was been named to the spring semester dean's list.

School records to be destroyed

Agawam Public Schools Special Education files from the 2006-07 school year will be destroyed after June 26. Anyone who has graduated, moved out of Agawam or was released from Special Services during the 2006-07 school year may pick up his or her file at the Special Education office, 760 Cooper St., Agawam, before June 26. For more information, call Stacy Wieners at 413-726-1658 or email swieners@agawam-publicschools.org.

Improvement League offering \$1,000 scholarships

The Hampden County Improvement League, 28 N. West St., Feeding Hills, is awarding scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 to high school seniors who meet certain criteria. The applications are available at area high schools and are due by June 1.

Recipients must be a resident of Hampden County for at least two years, be a good student and must show current or previous involvement in 4-H, an agricultural endeavor or be a member of a farm family.

The Hampden County Improvement League was established Jan. 25, 1913, to promote agriculture and farm family life in Hampden County. HCIL is committed to encouraging youth to challenge themselves and work toward their potential by furthering their education after high school. To help meet this financial commitment the League established a scholarship fund in 1993. Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of up to \$1,000 each. The recipient will continue to receive the award throughout his/her post secondary education.

For questions or more information, call Sue at 413-786-1432, Maryellen at 413-575-1759 or see the high school guidance counselor.

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the month of May. Those numbers were reported with 10 days remaining in the month. Sales for 2014 were \$80,077, and May sales have averaged a little more than \$3,500 per day. Roberto said if that trend continues, the course will make \$108,000 for the month, a 32 percent increase from last year.

"We have been doing really well," said Roberto. "A lot of weekdays have been as busy as the weekends. We have also booked a lot of tournaments."

Roberto also projects if the weather is good in June, the course could do more than \$100,000.

He attributed some of the success to the maintenance of the course, as compared to many others in the area.

"We got really lucky over the winter," said Grounds Manager Daniel Shay. "We have not had the amount of damage to the course that many other courses have. We have gained a lot of business because of it."

However, the loss of lawn mower has put the course's status in danger.

The main lawnmower, which is about 15 years old, broke down in the past week. It is beyond repair at this point.

Roberto and Shay considered several different options, and presented those options to their fellow golf committee

members. Councilors Perry, James Cichetti and Anthony Suffriti all agreed the best and most cost-effective way to remedy the situation is to purchase a new mower.

By purchasing the mower, Roberto projects there will be a reduction in the cost of labor for the course due to the capabilities of the machine.

"There would be a return on the investment in about five years," said Perry. "The mower could last for more than 10 years. If we are going to fix the problems on the golf course, we need to make an investment in the course."

Unlike the golf carts the Agawam City Council purchased last year from Agawam's free cash, Perry says he will not be recommending the money be paid back to the general fund. The council used \$22,245.20 to bridge a shortfall in the fiscal 2014 budget. It is anticipated that amount will be paid back at the end of fiscal 2015, which concludes June 30.

No specific plan has been laid out for the golf course to pay back the \$300,000 for the golf carts, though Cichetti said he learned from the state Department of Revenue that the town can only require the funds to be paid back within two years. When the funding was approved last year, Councilor Gina Letellier proposed it be paid back within 10 years.



Winners of the Agawam Junior Women's Club spelling bee are, from left, Cameron Gillis, Dylan Fisk, Nicholas Skorupski, Sara Zahoor, Dahlia Ryan and Hannah Davydot. SUBMITTED PHOTO

AJWC awards spelling bee winners

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored its annual Town-Wide Spelling Bee for fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders May 15 at the Roberta G. Doering School, where students competed within their grade level.

All final spellers were awarded certificates of participation. First-place winners were awarded \$50 cash, a ribbon, and a Boggle game. Second-place winners were awarded \$25 cash, a ribbon and a Boggle game. All cash prizes were donated by Westfield Bank. AJWC member Donna M. Shibley once again moderated the event. The pronouncer was Kathy Mouneimneh, retired Agawam High School English teacher and AJWC member. Judges were Linda Sasso, retired Agawam High School

Spanish teacher; Maureen Quinn, retired Agawam High School history teacher; and Theresa Ciarmatori, retired Agawam Junior High School English teacher. Winners were:

Fourth grade: First, Cameron Gillis, Granger School room 6; second, Dylan Fisk, Clark School room 10.

Fifth grade: First, Nicholas Skorupski, Doering School room 105; second, Sara Zahoor, Doering School room 213.

Sixth grade: First, Dahlia Ryan, Doering School room 305; second, Hannah Davydot, Doering School room 321.

The AJWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Careers in Accounting and Management Professions Program (C.A.M.P.):

UMass Isenberg School of Management is hosting this program for juniors from July 26-31 at no cost to the student participants. This weeklong program is designed to promote careers in accounting and other business related fields. Participants will reside in the residence halls. Applications are due May 29. Applications are available in the Counseling Department. A teacher recommendation is needed along with a transcript.

Seniors: Please bring in to Mrs. Ledger in Guidance a stamped white envelope addressed to the college you are attending in September so that your final transcript can be mailed out. Make sure to put your name

in the top left hand side. If no envelope is received, the transcript will not go out.

Ronald McDonald House Teen Board: This board is comprised of a highly select group of sophomore and junior high school students. Teen selections are based on academics, activities, and commitment to volunteering. Each teen is expected to volunteer 30-40 hours per school year. Those interested in being a board member may complete an application at www.rmhcwma.org/get-involved/teen-board-volunteers and return it by May 31. Two recommendation letters must accompany the application. Only two students per school are generally chosen.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

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MARCHING DOWN MAIN



Members of the Agawam Little League pause at the end of the parade.



The AHS color guard leads the Marching Mohawks band on May 25.



Members of the Agawam Lions and Lioness clubs walk down Main Street.



Erin Curran, named "Miss Spirit" in the St. Patrick's Day Colleen competition, rides in style on Memorial Day.



Members of the 3rd Massachusetts Regiment — a Revolutionary War re-enactment group based in Easthampton — fire muskets below the Route 57 overpass.



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts march by the Veterans Green on Monday.



The VFW color guard leads the Memorial Day parade down Main Street on Monday, May 25.



A vintage Agawam fire truck passes the Mobil station on Main Street.

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Missy, Emily and Kaelynn Paquette watch the Girl Scouts turn the corner from Main Street to School Street at the end of the parade.



Agawam St. Patrick's Day Colleen Lauren Muszynski and her court ride in their first place-winning Holyoke Parade float, "A Bit of the Old Sod."



The AHS Marching Mohawks show off their new band uniforms during the parade.

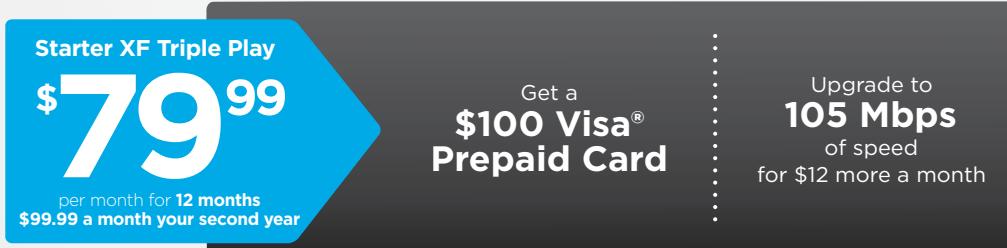
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SPORTS

LACROSSE

Brownies give Lancers tough battle

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM – In one of their best showings of the season, the Agawam boys lacrosse team finished up the regular season with an improved showing against Longmeadow.

The Brownies showed the Lancers if they meet up again in the playoffs, they are going to give them a tough run.

Longmeadow defeated Agawam, 11-6, but that is one of the closest scores between the two teams in recent memory, and Agawam was tied with Longmeadow 5-5 late in the second quarter and stayed with Lancers well into the

third quarter.

Longmeadow's second half defense was a huge key to the win as Agawam had the ability to score on numerous occasions, but were denied in the second half, scoring only once in the final 24:00 of the game.

Unfortunately, Agawam never led in the game, but did gain momentum every time they scored. Four of their first five goals would tie the score and breathe new life into the game.

Agawam was aggressive at the Longmeadow goal to start the game, and after getting a save by Tahiir Blair on their end, the Brownies attacked Longmead-

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Joe Cortese makes a run up the field after recovering a loose ball on defense.



John Colwell tries to find an open teammate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

SOFTBALL

Agawam dismantles Bombers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam softball team scored in every inning last Wednesday afternoon and was able to move past Westfield for the second time this season, winning 13-3 and improving their regular season record to 13-4.

Agawam is one of just six teams that have qualified for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

The Brownies are joined by Central, West Springfield, Longmeadow, Minnechaug and Pittsfield. Agawam has experienced against all but Pittsfield, a team that has quietly had an excellent season in the Berkshires.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Brownies faced their neighboring rivals for the second time this season. The Bombers have been having a tougher year without a top flite starting pitcher leading the way.

Agawam got going with a single from Katie Grasso, who eventually scored on a hit from Taylor Marcotte to make it 1-0 Agawam. In the second inning, the Brownies got a triple from Rachel Laponese. Sabrina Dubiel would

then send home the run with a base hit.

Marcotte got things going with a single and Jess Lingenberg followed by reaching on an error. Becca Uschmann came up with the big blow of the game, socking a three-run home run to make it 5-0.

The Brownies scored twice more in the fourth inning and led 5-1 when they broke out for four more runs to take an 11-1 lead.

After a couple of runners reached base, Marcotte sent a hard single up the middle, scoring two runs. Maria Moccio and Dubiel also had RBI hits and Marcotte came up later in the inning and delivered another RBI.

Westfield brought in two runs in the top of the sixth inning to prevent a mercy-rule shortened game, but Agawam got the two runs back in the bottom of the sixth inning.

For the game, Moccio, Laponese, Dubiel, and Grasso had two hits each. Marcotte was an impressive 4-for-5 with four singles and four RBI. Uschmann had three RBI and Moccio had two RBI. Agawam finished with 19 hits in the game.

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Outfielder Katie Grasso comes up firing to the infield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

VOLLEYBALL

Brownies place third in volleyball tourney

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

REGION – On Tuesday afternoon, the seeds for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Volleyball Tournament were released in a meeting held at Agawam High School.

For the first time in three years, the Chicopee Comp Colts are back on top.

Comp is the top seed and a heavy favorite to become a sectional champion again. Agawam has won the last two championships and gone to the state finals in both years.

This year, Comp went an impressive 17-1, just one year after a 12-6 record during what was described as a "rebuilding" season after a lot of graduations. Comp has the height and power to make a deep run into the tournament and owns victories over all the top contenders in this year's tournament.

The one in 17-1 for Comp is against the number two seed, Westfield High School.

After a down year last season, the Bombers are back as top

contenders for this year's tournament. Westfield ran rough shot over most teams in the region. The Bombers went 16-2, playing nearly perfect until they were defeated in the second of two games against the Colts.

Westfield would continue to play well and suffered their second loss in an independent game against Needham, an Eastern Massachusetts team in the final game of the regular season.

The third seed went to Agawam, which had the third best record in the region at 13-5. Agawam did very well in a season that has also been described as rebuilding. Agawam lost five of their seven starters from last season to graduation. Those five starters were instrumental in Agawam's dominant two years.

This year, the Brownies have still emerged as a major threat, but have been bested twice each by Comp and Westfield. The road to the championship will likely go through one of those two teams. In Agawam's case as the third seed, possibly both if Westfield wins its quarterfinal matchup.

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ow's end, only for the Lancer defense to intercept a mistake pass, and went all the way to the goal and scored the first goal of the game with 10:18 to go in the first quarter.

About 2:00 later, Agawam possessed the ball and was looking to come up with the right combination to score their first goal of the game. From behind the goal, Elijah Bard fed a pass to an open John Colwell. Colwell flicked the ball into the goal to make it 1-1.

Longmeadow would take the lead back about a minute later, and then a penalty gave Longmeadow a man-advantage and the Lancers took a 3-1 lead.

Trailing by two goals now, Bard possessed the ball on the left side and muscled his way through Longmeadow defenders and scored on his own to cut Agawam's deficit to 3-2.

With 1:00 remaining, Chris Breault took a pass from the outside, then changed his approach to the goal and made a low, submarine-style shot that found the Longmeadow goal. The score brought Agawam and Longmeadow to a 3-3 deadlock after one quarter.

Down 4-3, Colwell was behind the goal and sent the ball to Nick Hanchett, who one-timed the ball into the goal to re-tie the score.

The Brownies had another deficit later in the second quarter, and Bard fed Colwell on the run for the fifth Agawam goal, making it 5-5 with 1:36 left in the second.

Agawam would not be able to go to half-time with the tie as a physical play in front of the Agawam goal caused a ball to trickle into the net to make it 6-5 at halftime.

Longmeadow would go on to score three goals later in the third quarter. The Lancers added two more in the fourth while Aga-



Nick Hanchett makes a pass. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

wam was only able to get a goal from Joe Cortese.

Colwell finished the game with two goals and two assists while Bard had a goal and two assists.

Agawam finishes the regular season 11-7.

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Cam Rivest lifts a fly ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Golden Eagles turn down Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam baseball team stayed locked in with visiting Central until the Golden Eagles pushed across two runs in the top of the sixth inning to escape with a 3-1 win last Friday afternoon at Agawam High School.

Tyler Heer made an excellent start for the Brownies, pitching another complete game for Agawam. He allowed three runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out three.

However, Central left-hander Kevin Morales was better, going the full seven, allowing four hits, a walk, and three strikeouts.

Central picked up a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Agawam would answer right back as Seamus Curran, who is receiving buzz as a potential draft pick in the upcoming June first-year player draft for Major League Baseball, got a rally going.

Curran, who has recently moved to play the outfield after spending most of his youth and high school career at first base, socked a triple with one out.

He would come into score, but two straight strikeouts would end another further threat from the Brownies.

After being shut down for two more innings, the Brownies got a threat going in the bottom of the fourth.

Curran socked a single to right, but it

was misplayed in the outfield and Curran found himself on second base with no outs.

Unfortunately, Curran was cut down trying to advance to third and Anthony Basile reached base on the play. He advanced to second on a wild pitch, then to third base on a bunt single by Anthony Donahue. Max Molta grounded to short, ending the threat.

After allowing two runs in the sixth inning, Cam Rivest reached on a single and stole two bases. But Morales got a popup and a strikeout to keep Rivest at third with two outs. Griffin Gadreault then grounded out to short to end the threat.

Agawam did pick up its second win of the regular season last Wednesday afternoon, beating Amherst, 10-6.

Agawam batted around in the first inning, and pounded the Hurricanes for nine runs, taking advantage of walks and errors to take a big lead.

That was enough to get Luke Rheault a cushion, as he went seven innings, allowing six runs on seven hits, walking three and striking out five.

Curran was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored, and two RBI. Rivest had a hit and scored twice. Basile was 1-for-3 with a run, an RBI, and a walk.

The Brownies are 2-16 and will finish out the regular season this week, playing at Northampton Thursday at 4 p.m.

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Wheeler pitched seven innings, allowing three runs on 10 hits. She walked one and struck out two.

Agawam had a 3-0 shutout of Amherst on Friday afternoon. The Brownies scored once in the third inning and held the 1-0 lead until they plated two more runs in the seventh. Lappone went 3-for-3 for the Brownies.

Wheeler pitched seven innings, allowing two hits and one walk. She struck out 10.

Agawam has three games remaining this week, including their final game of the regular season Friday at Minnechaug at 7 p.m.

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Above: Maria Moccio makes solid contact in the fourth inning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Left: Shortstop Jess Lingenberg sets to make a throw to second base.



Shortstop Max Molta fires a throw to first.



Tyler Heer pitches in the third inning for Agawam.

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West Springfield is seeded fourth while Ludlow is seeded fifth. Both teams went 11-7.

Holyoke, like Sci-Tech, squeaked into the tournament with a 9-9 record.

On the tournament slate, there will be three preliminary round games.

No. 10 Holyoke will travel to No. 7 East Longmeadow on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. No. 6 Athol hosts No. 11 Sci-Tech at the same time. No. 9 Putnam will be at No. 8 Commerce Friday at 6:30 p.m.

If Holyoke wins, they would face No. 2

Westfield on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

No. 2 Agawam will host a quarterfinal against the Sci-Tech/Athol winner on Monday evening at 5 p.m., and No. 1 Comp hosts the Putnam/Commerce winner Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The semifinals are tentatively scheduled for June 3 and the finals will be held on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Holyoke Community College.

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Business

Salon raises money for MS ride next weekend

Salon 322 of Agawam held its annual Bike MS: Praxair Ride fundraiser Saturday, May 16, to raise funds for its fourth annual Connecticut Chapter MS ride scheduled for June 7 in Windsor, Conn.

Salon 322 owner Maria Summers became involved with the Connecticut Chapter MS ride when her friend's sister, Tanya Pugliano, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 16 years ago. Local businesses teamed up for the May 16 event to donate a portion of their proceeds to the salon's bike team, Scissor Me Timbers. The event included blow-dry styles, makeup application, spray tans, food provided by Bruno's Pizza of Agawam, raffles and face painting.

So far this year, the team has raised more than \$6,400. Over the past four years, they have raised more than \$22,000.



Salon 322 owner Maria Summers, right, is pictured with Tanya Pugliano, at the salon's May 16 fundraising event. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Above: Members of the Scissor Me Timbers fundraising team from Salon 322 include Beverly Santaniello, Maria Summers, Sarah Anderson, Amanda Arbelaez, Lindsey Bassi, Danielle Burns, Kerri Egan, Nicole Payeur, Karen Lafleur and Kaila Chianciola.

Left: Avery Charest, 4, of Feeding Hills, keeps her eye on the crowd at the Salon 322 fundraising event to benefit the MS Society.

Chamber to host annual breakfast at Chez Josef

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Breakfast Meeting Thursday, June 18, at 7 a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. The event is sponsored by OMG and Ormsby Insurance, and will kick off with the welcoming of new chairman Chuck Kelly and the incoming WRC Board of Directors.

Following the introductions, there will be a special presentation given by Nancy Butler, a national motivational speaker, business coach and award-winning author. After building a business from scratch to approximately \$200 million in assets under management, Butler sold her asset management and financial planning practice. For the last eight years, she has helped business owners do a better job for their clients while improving their bottom line.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available as well as advertisement space in the annual meeting program booklet. Preferred sponsorships are \$250 and program ads are \$50.

Annual meeting tickets are now available and are \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

To register for the event or for more information on sponsorship opportunities and program booklet advertisements, call 413-426-3880.

Sports

High School sports roundup

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

Boys volleyball

AGAWAM — The regular season has ended and the Agawam boys volleyball team will not be one of the top two teams in Western Massachusetts for the first time in three years.

Agawam wrapped up its regular season with three straight wins to finish out the regular season.

Last Friday afternoon, the Brownies made a clean sweep through Belchertown High School.

Normally, the Brownies would have started the regular season with the independent matchup, but the postponements early in April caused this game to be pushed back to the end of the year.

Belchertown, which was seeking a play-off appearance, was set back when Agawam won three straight games, 25-13, 25-20, and then 25-22.

In the victory, Jeff Leclerc had a good game with 20 kills in the short three-game set. Anthony Frigo had seven kills and Kris Page added six. Page also had 11 digs while Leclerc contributed eight.

The Brownies got some great help in the game with 10 aces, five coming from page at the service line.

Agawam also swept through East Longmeadow and Sci-Tech, both by 3-0 scores.

Agawam finished the regular season with a 13-5 record. They were swept by Westfield and Chicopee Comp this season. Both teams figure to occupy the top two spots in the tournament this season.

The seeds were scheduled to be released on Tuesday afternoon after press time. For more information, go to www.miaa.net for bracket information, including tournament sites and matchups.

Agawam may find itself on the round to start the postseason.

Boys tennis

Agawam closed out its regular season with a 4-1 win over Belchertown on Senior Day at home last Thursday afternoon.

The Brownies finished the season with a league title and a perfect 8-0 league record. In the win over the Orioles, Agawam got wins from all three singles players. Alex Sours had a great day, sweeping his sets 6-0, 6-0. Top singles competitor Will Conklin won 6-2, 6-1.

Agawam will await its position in the team tournament.

Girls tennis

The Brownies suffered two more losses next week, losing 4-1 against West Springfield and 5-0 against Northampton. The Brownies are now 1-16 this season. They finish the regular season Thursday at home against Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Girls lacrosse

Agawam has one game remaining in the regular season, winning at South Hadley last Thursday afternoon 19-5.

In the victory, Agawam led 12-2 after the first half. Nine different players scored goals in the victory, including Katie Martin, who led the team with five goals and two assists for seven points. Jackie Nielsen added three goals. Four others scored two goals each.

Agawam is 11-6 and played its final regular season game on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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Annual tournament fights for autism

AGAWAM — The ninth annual charity golf tournament to benefit Radcliffe is the Reason and Arthur Too! Fight for Autism will take place Friday, June 12, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch starting at 11 a.m. Tee times begin at noon with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded. Following golf, dinner will begin at 6 p.m. featuring numerous raffle prizes.

Cost is \$560 per foursome, which includes greens fees and cart, lunch and dinner. Non-golfers may attend the dinner only for \$35. Checks should be made payable to Radcliffe is the Reason and Arthur Too! Fight for Autism, P.O. Box 894, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

For more information visit radcliffe-fightsforautism.org or email radcliffe345@yahoo.com.

Agawam Senior Center, Rotary golf tourney set for June 3

AGAWAM — The 20th Annual Senior Center Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Rotary, will take place Wednesday, June 3, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

A buffet lunch will be available immediately after play.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. The \$75 fee per player or \$300 for a foursome includes greens fees, cart, breakfast and lunch buffet. Tee signs are \$50 and business card or cart signs are \$25 each.

Sponsorship, which are tax-deductible, are \$1,000 for platinum, which includes a golf foursome; \$500 for gold; and \$100 for silver or bronze.

Lunch is available for non-golfers at a

cost of \$15 per person.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Rotary Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call 413-821-0605 ext. 1 or ext. 8835. Rain date to be announced.

Date set for 2015 Jimmy Fund Jeffrey Vinick Memorial Golf Tournament

AGAWAM — The 36th Annual Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial will take place Monday, June 15 at three area golf courses: Crestview Country Club in Agawam; The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick; and Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn.

Tournament organizers recently announced the 2015 sponsorship levels and they are as follows: Cart \$2,950; Bronze \$5,250; Silver \$7,500; Gold \$10,000; Platinum \$15,000; Platinum Plus \$20,000; Diamond \$25,000; and Double Diamond, \$50,000.

Each sponsorship level includes a variety of player spots, gifts, recognition opportunities and a listing in the tournament program and website. Sponsorships are also available for Hospitality Plus \$1,000; Hospitality \$575; Exclusive Hole \$300; Tee & Green \$175; and Hole in One.

Please consider joining us in the fight against cancer through a generous sponsorship at the level of your choice. All proceeds from this tournament will support adult and pediatric care and research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Interested companies and individuals may contact the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial Golf line at 866-521-4653, register online at www.jfv-memorial@dfci.harvard.edu for more information.

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Obituaries & Church News

Congregational Church honors teachers, dads

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home — a people to call family."

The last church school class will take place Sunday, June 14. Children's bulletins will be available during the summer.

Sunday, June 7: Family Communion service with church schoolteacher recognition, no church school, and coffee and fellowship hour following the service. Playgroup on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Open to the public. Opening dates follow the Agawam public school schedule. Playgroup's last meeting for the season is Thursday, June 18.

Saturday, June 6: Boy Scouts bottle

and can drive in the church parking lot.

Sunday, June 14: Worship service, church school and coffee hour.

Monday, June 15: 4 p.m., Loaves and Fishes will meet.

Saturday, June 20: 7:30 a.m., Men's Ministry meeting at Bobbie J'z; Strawberry Supper at 4:45 p.m. and second seating at 6:15 p.m. Prepaid tickets available in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 for adults and children under 12 are \$6. Tickets at the door are \$18. Call the church office for more information.

Sunday, June 21: 10 a.m., Worship service with Father's Day celebration and coffee hour. Make your own ice

cream sundaes at coffee hour.

Friday, June 26: 9 a.m., Newsletter collation for the summer newsletter.

Sunday, June 28: 10 a.m., Worship service with coffee hour. Children's bulletins available.

Save the date: Vacation Bible School is coming Aug. 3 through Aug. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Visit the website for more information or call the church office

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

A Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything, and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After the third day, your wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

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DEATH NOTICES

Bryant, Lillian E.

Died May 21, 2015
Funeral May 26, 2015
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Stieg, Karl H.

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Graveside Services May 24, 2015
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Agawam Advertiser News Obituary Policy

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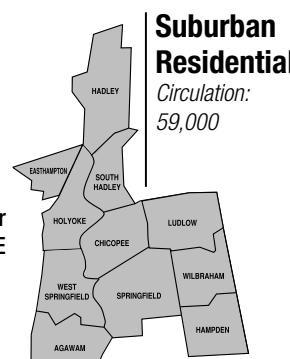
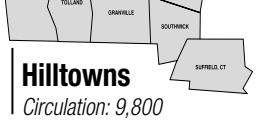
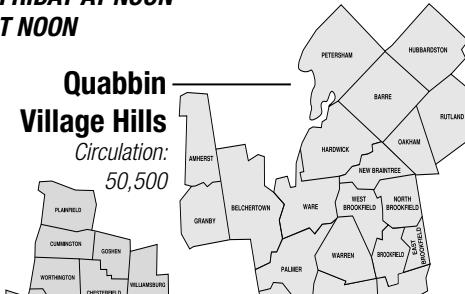
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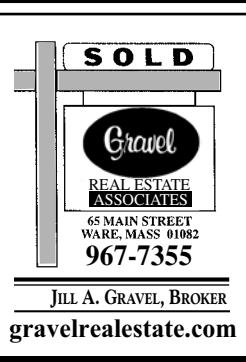
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Saturday, May 30

NOBLE HOSPITAL CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR open to the public at the Westfield Athenaeum's Lange Auditorium, 6 Elm St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Topics will include cancer prevention, genetic risk, and cancer screening. Immediately following the presentation there will be a question and answer panel. For more information, visit www.westath.org or call 413-560-7833.

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Sunday, May 31

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR GAMES will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Thursday, June 4

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT will host "Sarah the Fiddler" as part of its free summer concert series, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Storrowton Village Green, 1305 Memorial Ave. Call 413-781-3020 after 3:30 p.m. for an update on time and venue and to find out if there is a weather related cancellation of programs.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The History of Friendly's Ice Cream" featuring Rose Slate, retail customer service manager, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, June 6

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD RUBBER STAMP & PAPER ARTS FESTIVAL Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big E Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Ave. Tickets, \$8, good both days; Sunday, \$6. Discount advance tickets available at heirloompro.com. Children 11 and under, Free

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Tuesday, June 9

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Liz Popolo will do a critique of paintings brought in by all attending members. Guests are welcome.

THE FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will

host a barbecue chicken dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets for adults are \$10 when purchased in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children under 10 are \$5.

Wednesday, June 10

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, June 11

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Everett Barney: A Tale of Steel & Ice," featuring Dr. Robert M. Girard, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Thursday, June 18

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT will host the Cicci Santucci Jazz Quintet as part of its free summer concert series, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Storrowton Village Green, 1305 Memorial Ave. Call 413-781-3020 after 3:30 p.m. for an update on time and venue and to find out if there is a weather related cancellation of programs.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "American Impressionism: From the Hudson River School to Art Colonies," featuring Robin Hoffman and Jodi Stiffelman, co-founders of ArtScapades, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Sunday, June 21

NORTH HALL ARTS FESTIVAL to host the Thomas Bergeron Trio at 40 Searle Road, Huntington. Admission \$10 at the door; students free. Open seating. Visit www.northhallhuntington.org.

Thursday, June 25

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The American Renaissance: Artists and Collectors in the Victorian Era," featuring Guy McLain, director, Wood Museum of Springfield History, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

ONGOING

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ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

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THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 413-786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

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Registration will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. There will also be kids races for ages 10 and under at 8:45 a.m. for \$1 per child. Kids race contestants will register the day of the event.

The 5K run will follow. The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students 18 and under. Prizes will be awarded for the top male and female runners in age groups.

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The supper will be held at the 663 Main St. landmark, and consist of baked ham, asparagus, potato salad, dessert and beverage. There will be three seatings served by the Captain Leonard House's all-volunteer board of trustees, at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Takeout meals will also be available. The trustees hope to

make the dinner an annual rite of spring.

E. Cecchi Farms, located in Feeding Hills, is donating fresh-picked asparagus for the event. Farmstand manager Bobby Cecchi noted that few things are as eagerly anticipated as the arrival of native asparagus each year.

"People don't just like asparagus — they love it," he said. "I hope this turns out to be a really successful fundraiser for the Captain Leonard House. We're happy to be able to do our part to support this important part of our community."

A donation of \$15 per meal is suggested for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. There is no charge for children under six. Reservations are

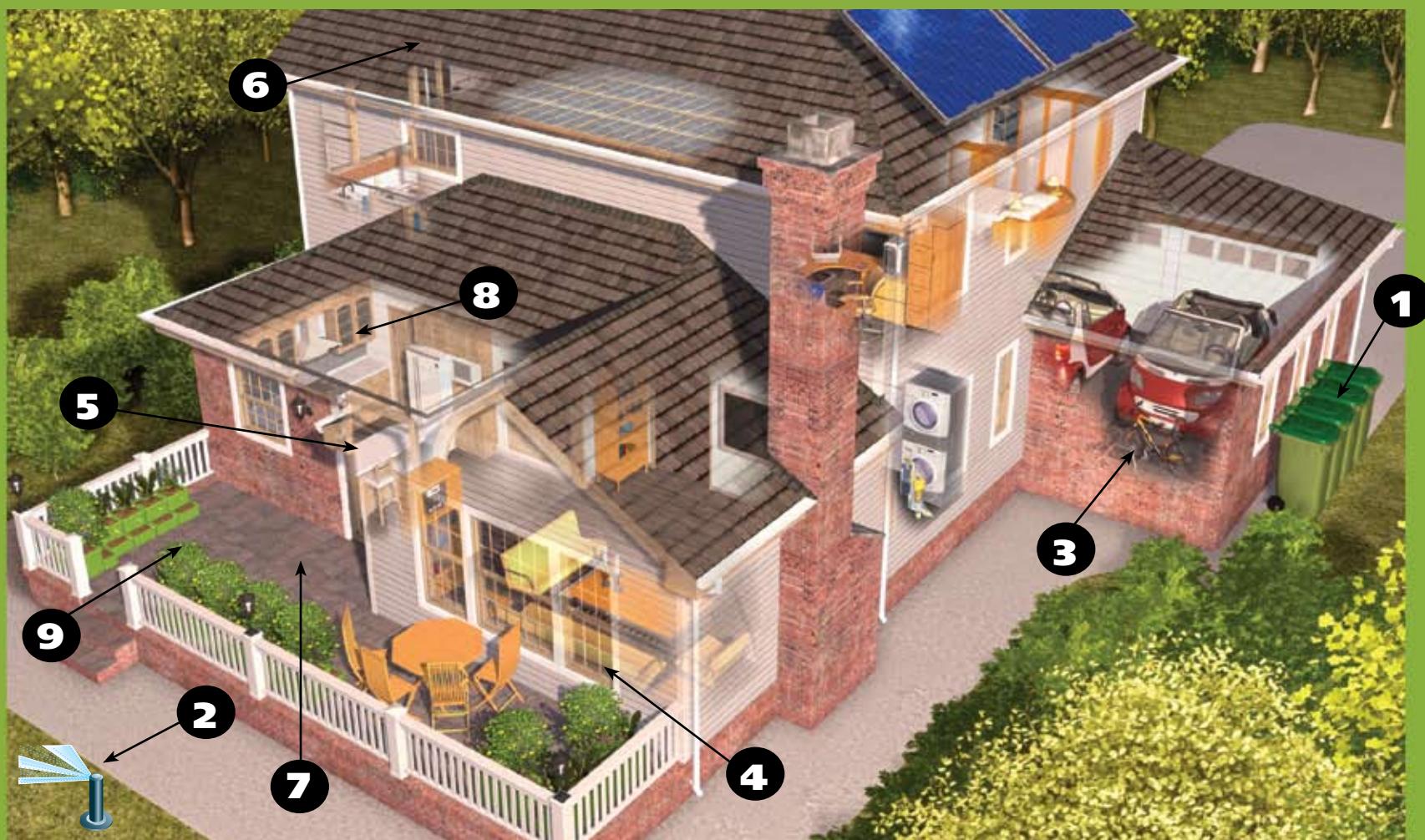
required. Tickets are available by calling the Captain Charles Leonard House at 413-786-9421 or at E. Cecchi Farms, 1131 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

All proceeds from the supper will aid in the preservation of the National Register-listed Captain Leonard House, which was built as a stage tavern in 1805 and has operated as Agawam's community house since 1939. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. The house is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit www.captainleonardhouse.com.



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